

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Paul Eells was born in 1935 in West Branch, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, after earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa, Eells began his broadcasting career at KOKX Radio in Keokuk, Iowa, as an announcer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eells later went to WMT Radio/TV in Cedar Rapids, where as Sports Director he did play-by-play for his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Mr. Eells became Sports Director at WSM Radio/TV in Nashville, Tennessee, where he did play-by-play for Vanderbilt University as the "Voice of the Commodores" and covered Tennessee regional high school sports; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Mr. Eells came to Arkansas to work for KATV Channel 7 and became the "Voice of the Razorbacks"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eells was named the Arkansas "Sportscaster of the Year" eleven times, and was the recipient of the Associated Press Award for "Best Sports Play-By-Play" in 1980 and 1990-1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eells gave selflessly of his time and talents to such worthy causes as Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, while an Iowan and Midwesterner by birth, Mr. Eells became a true Arkansan and Southerner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eells was a consummate gentleman, and conducted himself with a genuine friendliness and humility that endeared him to those in his profession, to his fellow Razorback fans, and to his faithful KATV viewers; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2006, Mr. Eells died in a tragic vehicle accident in Russellville that also claimed the life of Billie Jo Burton of Dover, who was beloved by her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, all Arkansans should pay tribute Mr. Eells's life and should extend their deepest sympathy to his family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, in tribute to the memory of Paul Eells and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the State flags of Arkansas be flown at half-staff on August 4, 2006, the date of his interment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord 2006.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLIE DANIELS